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FPPC Enforcement Decisions: October 11, 2007

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Thursday, October 11, 2007. Decisions are divided by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of any administrative fine or fines in each case.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the October agenda on the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions proposed to the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and proposed default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC communications office at (916) 322-7761.

Statement of Economic Interests Non-Filer

California law requires elected officials, certain board members and governmental employees, and consultants employed by governmental entities to file Statements of Economic Interests (SEIs or Form 700s). SEIs serve a dual purpose: they make a filer aware of personal economic interests relative to a governmental decision, and they are an important disclosure document for the public and media.

The following individuals failed to file their Statement of Economic Interests forms on time or omitted required information:

Ralph DeMarco, City of Del Mar Finance Committee member, failed to timely file his 2005 annual statement of economic interests. **\$100**

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Major Donor

A major donor is a person or entity who makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year and is required to file campaign reports detailing how much was contributed and to whom.

The following failed to file major donor reports as required by law:

West Valley MRF, of Fontana, failed to timely file semi-annual campaign statements disclosing contributions totaling \$35,250 that were due in 2004, 2005 and 2006 (4 counts). **\$1600**

Late Contribution

When contributions of \$1,000 or more are made or received during the final days of an election—the time between the last campaign report required to be filed and the end of the election—late contribution reports must be filed within 24 hours of making the “late” contribution.

The following failed to file late contribution reports as required by the Political Reform Act:

Lisa Barkett, of La Jolla, failed to timely disclose late contributions in 2006 totaling \$15,600. **\$2,340**

Baker Keener & Nahra LLP, of Los Angeles , failed to timely disclose a \$10,000 late contribution in 2006. **\$1,500**

Richard S. Ackerman, of Beverly Hills, failed to timely disclose a \$10,000 late contribution in 2006. **\$1,500**

Z. Paul Akian, of Valencia, failed to timely disclose a \$10,000 late contribution in 2006. **\$1,500**

Peter L. Briger, Jr., of New York, New York, failed to timely disclose a \$10,000 late contribution in 2006. **\$1,500**

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